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## Frank J. Martin, Collector

BY GREGORY HUNT

My early acquaintances with Mr. Frank J. Martin was about ten years ago while visiting Maui on a business trip. He is described to me as being tall, slim, hard working, helpful, intelligent, thoughtful, generous, and a happy man. A real true friend of the Maui Coin Club and the HSNA.

On October 13, 1991, some of the Honolulu Coin Club Board of Directors and I had a special treat visiting Frank Martin's home. We were there hoping to give some support for the revitalization of the now inactive Maui Coin Club and the impending HSNA Mini Coin Show on Maui, 1992.

Frank greeted us as we arrived at his house in Kula on the slope of Haleakala. The weather was sunny but cool due to the high altitude, the scenery was beautiful with shades of green and purple. He invited us to have refreshments but we opted to take the grand tour. He took us to the mauka portion of his lot to view his prize collection of automobiles.

In his many garages he has enough extra projects for two or three life times. His collection includes: 1. 1920 model 'T' Ford Roadster, green and black in color, custom built by Volcano Garage on the Big Island; 2. 1925 Star Touring car, grey and black in color, made by Duart Motors in Oakland, California, and sold by M.D.G. Supply in Wailuku, Maui; 3. 1927 Original Harley Davidson, army green in color with decals, like the day it was shipped from the factory; 4. Two 1958 Plymouths red in color—one standard and the other automatic shift; 5. 1944 Jeep in the original condition;



L to R G. Hunt, M. F. Kendrick, F. Martin and a 1920 Model 'T' Ford Roadster at Kula, Maui.

6. Two 1940 Jeeps in various stages of repair; 7. Two 1948 Nash Ambassadors four door, red in color; 8. 1952 Mercedes, two door, red in color; 9. 1953 Jaguar green in color.

Some of the above mentioned vehicles are in good working condition—the 1920 Model 'T' Ford, 1925 Star, and the 1927 Harley Davidson. He related that due to the high insurance cost he rarely drives them around. Also the various garages house his vast collection of hood ornaments — such as the REO, Whippel, Hudson, and Lasel. He has also collected over one thousand hub caps. His prizes that decorate the inside walls and ceiling of the garage are Dodge Bros., Graham Bros., Willis, Essex, Auburn 8, REO, Lasel, Ford, and Chevrolet to name a few.

Finally, he also collects license plates.

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HCC Christmas Party, December 14, 1991

### F. J. MARTIN, COLLECTOR

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He has a 1932 green and white plate, he found on his uncle's old car. A couple of years are missing, then he has 1935 thru 1941, 1946, 1952, 1958, 1969, 1976, and 1981.

Frank has been collecting tokens since graduating from Baldwin High School and when working with the Inter-Island Steam Ship Company. He liked transportation tokens and has the old HRT as his prize.

In 1962, he got involved in collecting coins when he got change to buy lunch at school. He always took fifty cents and got two dimes in change. In the summer, he happened into Ben Franklin Department Store and saw a Whitman coin holder. He bought one and started into filling the blanks. He was hooked into coin collecting. In 1969 he became a member of the Maui Coin Club. In 1980\82 he was President till it decided to disband. Frank still collects U.S. and foreign coins.

Frank started out as a teacher and taught one year at Baldwin and for twenty-seven years at Lahainaluna where he retired in 1983. He has been active in community activities and continues to lead a most productive life. In his later years he married Eleanor Torres and is stepdad

to her four boys. Frank enjoys traveling and he and Eleanor try to get away once a year.

So if you are ever on the Valley Isle, be sure you stop and call Frank Martin.



### HONOLULU COIN CLUB

The Honolulu Coin Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.

## HONOLULU COIN CLUB STATEHOOD DAY COIN SHOW KAPALAMA SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

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## MANU KAMA'AINA

BY IRVING KAM

"Everyday you read stories of native birds, animals, and plants becoming extinct because of changes in our environment due to progress. I felt that by making these medals, people would at least be aware of them going out of existence." These are the words uttered by Nu Hou Dala Paa editor, Charles Matsuda, in describing Honolulu Coin Club's newest medallic commemoratives. Literally on the drawing board for the last few years, his designs are finally in the hands of the die engraver and the finished product will hopefully be available at the annual H.C.C. Statehood Day Coin Show in August.

Projected as a series of ten medals, one a year, each depicts an endemic Hawaiian bird on the obverse while the club's logo occupies the common reverse. This year's inaugural medal will feature the Nukupu'u [Hemignathus Lucidus], a very rare honey creeper with subspecies on the island of Maui, Kauai, Oahu, and a closely related species on the Big Island. The birds are perched on the Iliahi or sandalwood, an over-harvested export important in Hawaii historical past.

Mintage will be limited to two hundred .999 fine silver and bronze sets and dated in the year of issue. A special packaging is also planned for the 39mm keepsakes that is very similar to the club's thirty-fifth anniversary issue of 1990.

Inspired by a conscious awareness of Hawaii's endangered wildlife, and encouraged by overwhelming collector support, the "Birds of Hawaii" series is born. Aloha! pau

## MAUI COIN SHOW

# Cancel

We regret to say that there will not be a show on Maui this year, 1992. Our attempts to find a suitable place that meets our needs and be within our means were not very successful. We plan to continue to look for a place. We did have a good time talking and visiting with some of the former members of the Maui Coin Club who are very interested in getting started again. We wish to thank all who provided help and information in our quest to locate a place. Maybe next year. Mahalo.



## A NEW COIN SHOP

"Hobbies Unlimited" is the name of the newest coin shop on Oahu. Located in Wahiawa at 94 South Kamehameha Hwy, it is the second shop from the corner of Olive Street. Michael Dixon is the owner of Hobbies Unlimited and opened for business on January 17, 1992. His business hours are Monday 3 to 7, Tuesday thru Friday 2 to 9, Saturday 9 to 7, and Sunday 9 to 6. He has U.S. coins and a few foreign coins, a good selection of baseball cards, and will be stocking coin material supplies in his shop. If you ever get tired of looking or waiting, there are two electronic video game machines for your amusement in his shop, or if you get hungry, you can go next door and get Two For One Pizza.

Sometime in June, Michael will have a partner, Charles Lavelle from Las Vegas, who will take over the section for coins. Michael is a member of the Honolulu Coin Club and HSNA. We wish him well and success in his new business. Aloha!





## 'I'IWI

### the Bird of Hawai'i

BY CHARLES MATSUDA

The tenth wooden token on the Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife Series features the 'I'iwi.

These bright colored birds are found in the forests of the Big Island of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. They are rarely seen on Oahu and Molokai. A native bird of Hawaii, these Hawaiian honeycreepers feed on the nectar of blossoms of the flowering 'Ohi'a-Lehua trees and other exotic flowering plants in the high mountain elevations. These birds have a bright red feathered breast with a pinkish yellow curved bill. The wings are black with a patch of white on the inner flight feathers.

The rich colored red feathers of the 'I'iwi was once the primary source of feathers used by the great Hawaiian chiefs and priests to make ornamental garments.

The 'I'iwi birds have a harsh, loud, and squeaky call, somewhat like a rusty hinge of a door, similar to the mynah bird.

The reverse of the wooden token features the 'Ohi'a-Lehua flower. A native plant of Hawaii, they are abundant in all levels of the Hawaiian rain forest. The flowers bloom in beautiful reddish and yellowish colored pom-poms. The Lehua blossoms are a sacred flower of the volcano goddess of fire, Pele. The old Hawaiians would say that if you picked them, it would surely rain. Many stories and songs of the 'Ohi'a-Lehua were written in old Hawaii. The beautiful hard wood of the 'Ohi'a trees were used to make canoes, bowls, furniture, and other attractive items.

The wooden tokens will be sold at the HSNA-Mini Show and also can be purchased with a SASE and 25 cents, [per wooden token]. Address to: Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96818.

## Mahalo from HSNA 1991 Show

BY M. F. KENDRICK

A special thanks [Mahalo] goes to our ANA regional director Helen Carmody for our HSNA 1991 coin show write up articles in the Numismatic News and Coin World newspapers. As a result not much will be said here. If you wish to know more about the show, will have to get a copy of the above newspapers. The only item that needs to be added is that the exhibit theme for the show was on the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. We wish to thank Jim Simek for his outstanding display on U.S. Wartime currency [the same display was featured in The Numismatist - Dec 91 issue] and Crane Saito for his display of silver rounds of the attack on Pearl Harbor and accompanying magazine articles.

Again I wish to thank all who helped to make our show the greatest in town.  
Mahalo!



## WEDDING BELLS GLENN AND SHARON



Congratulations to Glenn Yokoyama and Sharon Nogami who were married on Saturday, March 21, 1992 at the Maui Sun Hotel in Kihei, Maui. Glenn has been a long time member of the Honolulu Coin Club and has served in the office of Vice President for the Honolulu Coin Club and the Hawaii State Numismatic Association. Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yokoyama.



## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COIN CLUBS OF HAWAII

### BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

Oct 91--Exciting bidding on Auction Night highlighted the meeting which was attended by 24 members and guests. The club decided to present a \$50 stipend to each member that attends the HSNA coin show. They will report their impressions of the show at the December meeting.

Nov 91--Harold Watanabe was the speaker and spoke on silver dollars. An auction and door prizes rounded out the evening, attended by 24 members and guests.

Dec 91--The Christmas party was a gala affair and a great time was had by 37 members. Outstanding food and door prizes. Several members gave their reaction on the annual HSNA show - Don Nigro, Alton Chow, and Walt Southward.

Jan 92--Topic for the evening was the planning of a coin show on April 5th, 1992, at the John Michael's Restaurant in the Waieka Villas Hotel. Alton Chow and Roger Chikuami will be co-chairmen of the show; Walt Southward as bourse chairman; Virginia Dicks as exhibits chairman; Marta Bowman as registration chairman; and Rick Howsley as door prize chairman.

Feb 92--Don Nigro gave an enjoyable presentation on the Coins of Charles Barber and progress of the coin show were the topics of the evening.

Mar 92--George Paiva was one of the speakers for the evening. He spoke on St. Gaudens twenty dollar gold pieces; Don Nigro spoke on Morgan dollars; and Rick Howsley showed and spoke on a variety of items.

### HONOLULU COIN CLUB

Oct 91--Discussion was held on the HSNA November coin show. An auction and door prizes rounded out the evening's program.

Nov 91--The big coin show of the year was held at Queen Kapiolani Hotel. We wish to thank all who participated. Exhibitors were Jim Simek-U.S. Wartime Currency and Crane Saito-Pearl Harbor medals and magazine articles.

Dec 91--HCC held its annual Christmas party at Susannah Wesley Comm. Center with over ninety members and guests present. Good food, games, and prizes were the highlight of the evening.

Jan 92--Visiting and discussions were the topic of the evening. An auction and door prizes capped the evening's events.

Feb 92--Francis Loo spoke on ancient Chinese coins and the Long Beach Show. Preparations for the May 9th HCC and HSNA Mini coin show was discussed. An auction and door prizes followed.

Mar 92--Discussion was held on ways to improve the educational program and increase attendance to the club meeting.

## IN MEMORIAL

### FRANK J. REIPLINGER JR.

A long time member of the Honolulu Coin Club and HSNA, Frank J. Reiplinger Jr. passed away on January 22, 1992. He was 72. A member who was always ready to help when it was needed. Mr. Reiplinger was a quiet man who did not boast of his accomplishments. He was a strong family man, well liked, and respected by all.

Mr. Reiplinger was a former World War II Navy pilot and retired from military service in 1945 as a lieutenant commander. He was employed as a shipping clerk at Honolulu Terminals Co. for 40 years. He was a member of Elks Lodge 616, ILWU Local 142, and Star of the Sea Church.

Besides his wife, Lila, Mr. Reiplinger is survived by daughters Dede Sutherland and Holly Lau; brother Edward J., sisters Violet Garratt and Kathleen Shackley; and three grandchildren. Also, he was the father of the late local comedian Rap Reiplinger. Aloha "Rip".





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